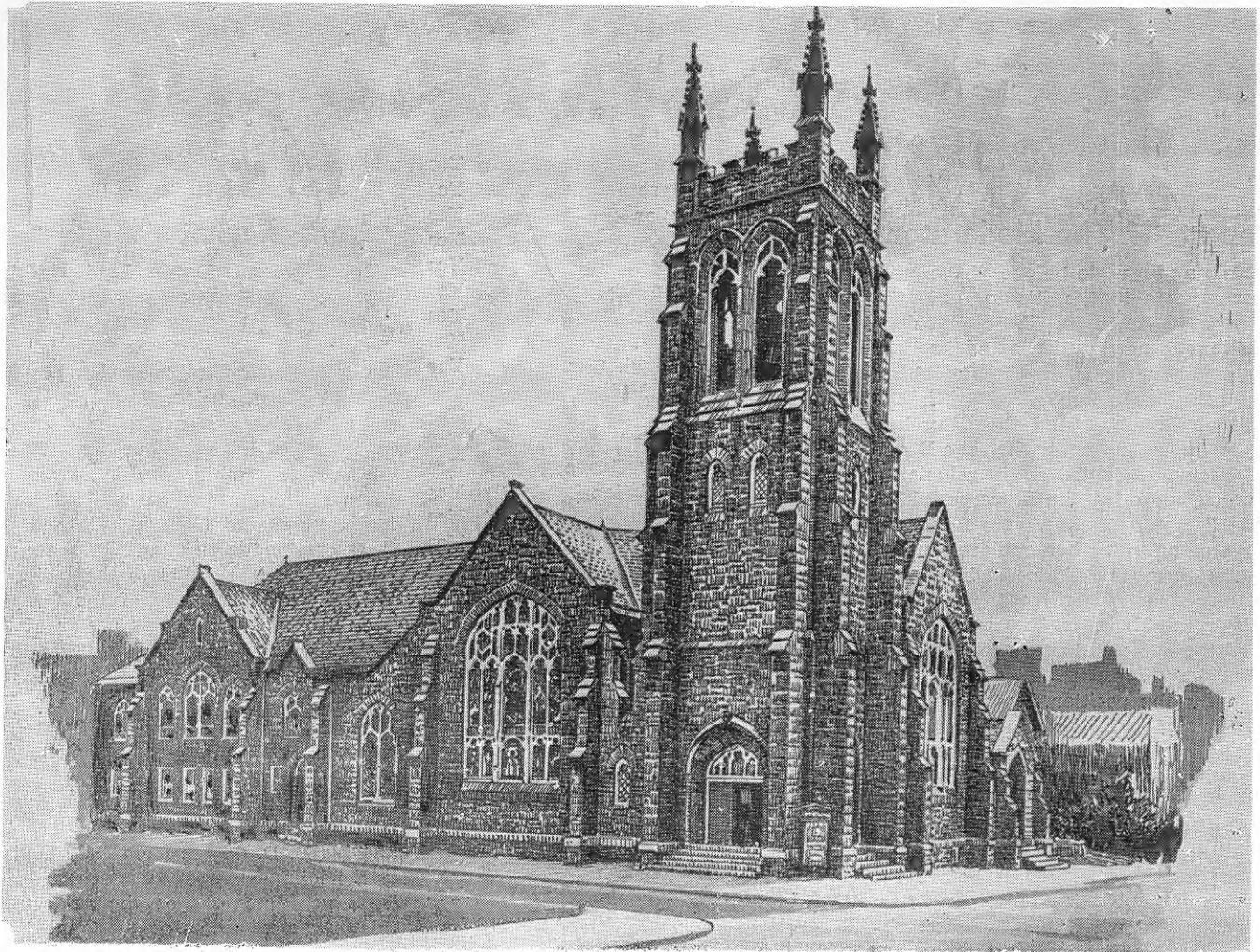


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OF, BY AND FOR CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

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REV. W. RAYMOND BERRY

## Report Of The Moderator

This may prove to be one of the most historic years in the history of the Southeast Convention. "New occasions have taught new duties", and brought new opportunities. These have been faced courageously by the Staff, the Board of Directors, and the Churches.

It was a low moment when the Board of Directors accepted with reluctance the resignation of the Reverend Miss Annie R. Campbell, and were faced with the occasion of her replacement. It was a high moment indeed when months later the Committee to Secure a Minister of Christian Education presented the name and person of the Reverend Miss Emilie F. Pitcock as their choice for the position.

Another matter of newness with potential history-making consequence is the voting on the Constitution of the United Church of Christ by the churches. The Board of Directors approved the Constitution and recommended that all of our churches vote on it before the deadline of June 1, 1961. It is my firm conviction that when the votes are tabulated, our Convention will reveal itself as a body of cooperative churches whose purpose is to be an integral part of the new adventure into Christian unity through the United Church.

Our Christian World Mission giving the past year was the greatest in our history. If we continue faithfully with the increase as our Home Board subsidy is reduced, we shall be able to continue on our "Program of Progress."

It has been a pleasure to work so closely with some of the most capable

## Has Your Church Voted?

When this issue of The Southeast News went to press thirty-seven of the churches of the Southeast Convention had voted on the proposed constitution for the United Church.

Thirty-one churches have voted approval. Five churches have voted against. One church has voted to abstain.

It is anticipated that by the time of the annual meeting when this report is read additional churches will have voted. Up to date figures will be given at that time.

Across the nation, of the churches voting, more than 90% have voted approval.

### CHURCHES VOTING APPROVAL

Andalusia, Antioch	Yes
Atlanta, Central	Yes
Birmingham, Pilgrim	Yes
Charleston, Circular	Yes
Clio, New Hope	Yes
Crossville, First	Yes
Deer Lodge, Tenn.	Yes
Demorest, Federated	Yes
Douglas, First	Yes
East Tallassee, Congl. Chr.	Yes
Gaillard, Pleasant Hill	Yes
Garden City	Yes
Headland, Blackwood	Yes
LaFayette, Pleasant Grove	Yes
Lanett, Cong'l. Christian	Yes
Meansville, First	Yes
Nashville, Brookmeade	Yes
Oxford, Sardis	Yes
Pearson, Union Hill	Yes
Phenix City, First	Yes
Phenix City, Russell Woods	Yes
Pine Mountain, Oak Grove	Yes
Pleasant Hill (Tenn.)	Yes
Richland, First	Yes
Roanoke, Antioch	Yes
Roanoke, Lowell	Yes
Shawmut, Todd	Yes
Steppeville, Mt. Grove	Yes
Tallassee, Mt. Olive	Yes
Wadley, Christian	Yes
West Point, Bethel	Yes

### CHURCHES VOTING AGAINST

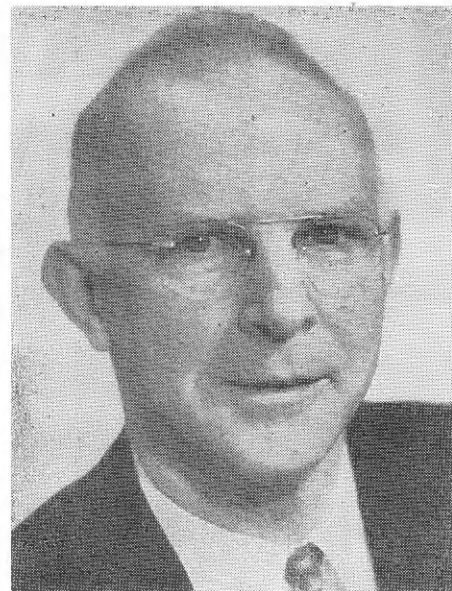
Baker (Fla.), Good Hope	No
Bristol (Ga.), Antioch	No
Eclectic, Watson's Chapel	No
Floral, Cluster Springs	No
Lanett, Huguley	No

### CHURCHES VOTING TO ABSTAIN

Hampton, County Line	Abstain
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church leaders I have known — the Board of Directors and especially our Superintendent. I am grateful for the privilege to serve in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. Raymond Berry



REV. FRED HOSKINS

## The Keynote Speaker

The Reverend Doctor Fred Hoskins, Minister and Secretary of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, is the keynote speaker for the Ninth Annual Sessions of the Southeast Convention.

Dr. Hoskins serves also as co-president of the United Church of Christ, the new fellowship resulting from the union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches.

Prior to his election to the office of Minister and Secretary of the General Council, Dr. Hoskins was pastor of the First Congregational Church, Oak Park, Ill. Other pastorates served include Plymouth Congregational Church, Des Moines, Iowa, and United Congregational Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Dr. Hoskins received his B. A. degree from Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill., and his B. D. degree from Yale Divinity School.

He is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Congregational Council and of the General Board of the National Council of Churches.

Dr. and Mrs. Hoskins have three children: Rev. Robert W. Hoskins, associate minister of the United Congregational Church, Bridgeport, Conn.; Rev. Theodore G. Hoskins, a minister at Saugatuck Congregational Church, Westport, Conn.; and Mary Ellen, a student. Their home is in Stamford, Connecticut.

Dr. Hoskins is co-editor of "A Book of Worship for Free Churches."

## Christian Education Committee Report

Several important things have happened in the Southeast Convention during the past year in Christian Education. The Nursery materials, the first part of the United Church Curriculum, are available and are being put to use in many of our churches with the wise counsel of Mrs. Kermit Harris and Mrs. Carl Sanford, who attended the Preschool Conference at Elmhurst two years ago from our area. This fall the Kindergarten courses will be ready and we all look forward to these excitedly.

During August three, Leadership Growth Workshops were held, with very small attendance, but giving us valuable insights toward the planning of future leadership training.

The Christian Education Committee, with small attendance, met in December to review the work of Christian education in the Southeast Convention and make plans for the future. We missed the inspiration and guidance of Miss Campbell at this meeting. At this time the schedule for the Rev. Miss Leila W. Anderson was planned and left to the Association chairmen of South Alabama, East Alabama, and North Alabama to work out in detail. Miss Anderson, the Pilgrim Circuit Rider, is spending time in these areas of Alabama over a period of several years, working with churches as part of her specific responsibility in Christian education. She is always a welcome visitor in the Southeast Convention.

The Rev. Clarence W. Baldwin has worked closely with the Pilgrim Fellowship officers in planning for the Pilgrim Fellowship Annual Meeting in Birmingham. The P. F.'ers asked the support of the committee in planning a P & T (Planning and Training) Conference for local P. F. officers. The committee voted to support this venture and cleared the weekend of August 25-27, 1961, at Southern Union College for this important meeting.

The schedule of Camps and Conferences was reviewed. Most of them seemed to be under way in their planning. Leaders of the conferences were urged to attend the Deans Training Conference at Avon Park, Florida. It is always distressing to find that the Christian Education Committee offers so little assistance in planning the summer activities for the convention young people. Perhaps this is the fault of the Committee.

In January, as Christian Education

## Report Of Committee Survey And Church Aid

It is a dangerous practice to rely on statistics alone to measure the spiritual health of the churches in the Southeast Convention, but the Year Book provides us with some interesting comparisons. These statistics are interesting but of little value unless they provoke in us some genuine concern and straight thinking.

Comparing the Year Book of 1950 with that of 1959, we note the following — a net loss of five churches and an approximate loss of 7% in membership — happily this is offset by a surprising 60% increase in Church School. This, in turn, is balanced by a puzzling paradox of a 10% decrease in young people's organizations.

In the nine year period, seven new churches came into existence, and we may presume the twelve we lost had to do with poor leadership.

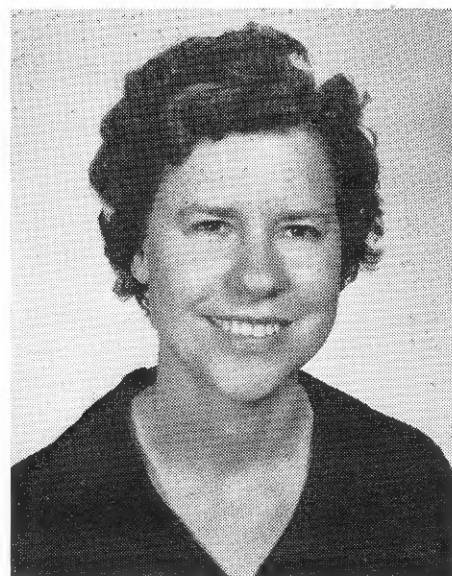
Within the last year two additional churches may be reported. Huntsville, Alabama, and Montgomery, Alabama, the latter just getting started due to the enterprise of a layman known to many, Millard Fuller.

It is our hope that we will soon have reason to call upon you to put the Church Builders Club into action. If you know unchurched areas, keep us informed. This fellowship of ours can only grow when all of us help it grow.

Arnold Slater, Chairman  
Committee on Survey and  
Church Aid

Chairman, I attended the National Workshop on Leadership Education at Lis'e, New York. Here I was in on the planning of future leadership training in the form of CEA (Christian Education Associates) Area Workshops, similar to the workshops held here last summer. It is exciting to be in on the training of a corps of Christian education leaders for our churches. All areas of the country are growing in Christian leadership under this new plan, and the Southeast Convention is certainly part of that growth because of the dedicated leadership of those in our churches who indicate interest in this work. We look forward to our work with our new Minister of Christian Education, the Rev. Miss Emilie F. Pitcock.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley N. Berry, Chairman  
SEC Christian Education Committee



MRS. G. F. LOGAN

## Report Of The Women's Fellowship

One of our Mission themes for this year, "Go Ye Into All the World", has become more real to me as I have traveled throughout the Convention as a representative of our Women's Fellowship.

I have attended 24 meetings, which is about two months away from home. This includes rallies, retreats, board of directors, and local churches of the Convention, national meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., and regional meeting at Talladega, Alabama.

Through these meetings I have not only promoted Women's Fellowship work, but also the Southeast News, United Church Herald, Guide Post, Our Christian World Mission, Christian Higher Education, and the United Church of Christ.

The Fellowship has grown in many ways. An increase of Woman's Gift and State Expense, of better attendance at meetings, of the 60 active fellowships, 49 were represented at the Spring Rallies. The Convention Fellowship now has a budget of \$900.00 as an outgrowth of the planning session at Atlanta, we now have many trained and active leaders in the Convention to carry on the work.

Many thanks to the women of the Convention, and all others who have helped to make this one of the happiest and best years of my work in Women's Fellowship.

Jettie Logan (Mrs. G. F.)  
President, Women's Fellowship  
Southeast Convention



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## The Superintendent's Corner

Once again it falls to me to present to you various statistics relating to the Southeast Convention. Some of them are of more than passing interest.

According to the best of our calculations there now are 114 churches in the Convention — two less than last year. The total membership of the churches is 9529, a decrease of 49 from last year. These figures give cause for concern. Of the 114 churches, 6 are inactive.

In order to reverse the trend in the decreasing number of churches and members we must put greater effort and more money into church extension and our existing churches must do a better job in securing new members.

We report 97 Sunday Schools with a membership of 6135 — an increase over last year. Also reported are 46 young people's organizations, with a membership of 912 — and this also represents an increase. However, it is difficult to determine whether the figures indicate actual growth or better reporting on the part of the churches.

The financial figures are better. As reported elsewhere, there is an increase of OCWM to \$31,773. Total benevolences reported increased from \$37,508 last year to \$45,785 for 1960. The amount expended for "Home Expenses" increased from \$406,404 in 1959 to \$414,838 in 1960. The value of church property increased from \$3,533,700 to \$3,754,000. 36 parsonages are reported this year — one more than last.

What do these figures mean? I'm not sure, other than that they represent a challenge!

## Southeast Convention Financial Statement

January 1 - December 31, 1960

### RECEIPTS

#### Budgeted Receipts

Board of Home Missions, Regular	\$12,416.68	
Miscellaneous	1,182.25	\$13,598.93
OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION		
Central Alabama Association	472.48	
East Alabama Association	6,750.28	
North Alabama Association	1,542.95	
S. Alabama-N. W. Florida Association	1,151.75	
Georgia-South Carolina Conference	10,101.59	
Kentucky-Tennessee Conference	9,946.20	
Alabama-N. W. Florida Women and Young People	730.44	\$30,695.69
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$44,294.62</b>	

#### Unbudgeted Receipts

Board of Home Missions, Church Aid & Projects	\$21,581.13	
Christian Higher Education Fund	3,435.32	
Southern Union College	1,875.80	
Congregational Christian Foundation	250.00	
Per Capita Dues	2,194.95	
Miscellaneous Accounts	2,259.80	
<b>TOTAL UNBUDGETED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$31,597.00</b>	<b>\$31,597.00</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS — Budgeted and Unbudgeted</b>		<b>\$75,891.62</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS

#### Budgeted Disbursements

Salaries	\$11,835.00	
Office (Rent, Equipment, Miscellaneous)	1,136.43	
Organization (Boards, Committees, Fellowships)	806.47	
Supplies and Materials	1,802.23	
THE SOUTHEAST NEWS	1,195.48	
Travel (Supt., Min. Chr. Ed., Special)	5,643.32	
Parsonage (Note, Insurance & Maintenance)	1,535.24	
Miscellaneous Accounts	4,008.85	
AID TO CHURCHES	7,818.60	
OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION (National)	7,673.91	
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$41,993.29</b>	<b>\$41,993.29</b>

#### Unbudgeted Disbursements

Board of Home Missions (Aid to Churches & Projects)	\$21,506.11	
Christian Higher Education Fund	3,435.32	
Southern Union College	1,838.30	
Congregational Christian Foundation	250.00	
Per Capita Dues, General Council	2,374.75	
Miscellaneous Accounts	3,394.65	
<b>TOTAL UNBUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$32,699.13</b>	<b>\$32,699.13</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS, BUDGETED AND UNBUDGETED</b>		<b>\$74,692.42</b>

### RECAPITULATION

Receipts 1960	\$75,891.62
Disbursements 1960	74,692.42
Balance	\$ 1,199.20
Salary Deductions	601.18
Beginning Balance	6,904.65
<b>TOTAL BALANCE, December 31, 1960</b>	<b>\$ 8,705.03</b>
Restricted Funds \$2,160.51	
Net Balance	\$6,544.52

Respectfully submitted,  
W. J. Strickland, Treasurer

## NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc.

APRIL 22-23, 1961

### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Knoxville, Tennessee

### PROGRAM

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 (Eastern Standard Time)

- 10:30 A. M. Call to Order: Rev. W. Raymond Berry, Moderator  
Invocation: Dr. Paul R. Reynolds  
Hymn  
Welcome: Rev. A. Ray Meserve, Host Pastor  
Response: Rev. W. Raymond Berry  
Adoption of Program  
Recognition of Fraternal Delegates and Visitors
- 10:45 A. M. Presentation of the Minutes of the 1960 Annual Meeting  
The Report of the Treasurer: Mr. W. J. Strickland  
The Report of the Moderator: Rev. W. Raymond Berry
- 11:15 A. M. The Report on The Christian Higher Education Fund: Rev. R. Hugh  
Lasseter, Chairman
- 11:25 A. M. The Report of the Christian Education Committee: Mrs. W. Raymond  
Berry, Chairman  
"The Southeast News" — Mrs. G. F. Logan  
The Appointment of Committees  
Business Committee  
Resolutions Committee
- 11:45 A. M. The Report of the Superintendent: Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr.
- 12:10 P. M. The Devotions: Rev. Carolyn P. Welch
- 12:30 P. M. Recess for Lunch

## AFTERNOON

- 1:30 P. M. Call to Order: The Moderator  
The Afternoon Devotions: Rev. Harold C. Henderson  
Address: "Now Is the Time — Here Is the Place"  
Rev. Dr. Fred Hoskins, Minister and Secretary of the General Council  
of Congregational Christian Churches  
Hymn
- 3:00 P. M. The Report of the Nominating Committee: Mr. W. P. Ingram, Chairman  
The Report from the Board of Directors and Related Items of Business
- 3:30 P. M. The Southern Union College: Dr. Walter A. Graham, President
- 4:00 P. M. The Congregational Christian Foundation: Rev. Arnold Slater, Chairman  
The Report of the Committee on Ministry and Churches: Rev. Olin E. Sheppard, Chairman  
The Report of the Committee on Stewardship and Missionary Education: Rev. A. Ray Meserve, Chairman  
The Report of the Committee on Survey and Church Aid: Rev. Arnold Slater, Chairman  
The Report of the Committee on Evangelism: Rev. J. Kermit Harris, Chairman  
The Report of the Committee on Christian Social Action: Rev. Clyde C. Flannery, Chairman  
"The United Church Herald" — Mrs. G. F. Logan
- 5:15 P. M. Recess
- 7:00 P. M. The Women's Fellowship Banquet: Mrs. G. F. Logan, President  
The Churchmen's Fellowship Banquet: Mr. W. P. Ingram, President

## SUNDAY, APRIL 23

- 9:00 A. M. Call to Order: Rev. W. Raymond Berry, Moderator  
Morning Devotions: Rev. Robert W. Hendrix
- 9:30 A. M. The Church Builder's Club: Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht, President
- 9:50 A. M. Report of the Women's Fellowship: Mrs. G. F. Logan, President  
Report of the Churchmen's Fellowship: Mr. W. P. Ingram, President  
Report of the Pilgrim Fellowship: Miss Lindianne Roberson, President
- 10:20 A. M. The Election of Officers  
Miscellaneous Business  
The Report of the Resolutions Committee  
The Memorial Silence  
Final Adjournment Following Morning Worship
- 11:00 A. M. The Service of Worship: Rev. A. Ray Meserve  
Sermon: "More Than Others" — Rev. Dr. Fred Hoskins
- 12:15 P. M. Dinner at the Church

## The Southern Union College

WALTER A. GRAHAM, President

Several important developments have occurred during the past year and they are reported to the churches and the members of the Southeast Convention with real joy and thanksgiving.



An eight room addition to Pilgrim Hall was completed and de-

dedicated.

The college was the recipient of a Harvest Festival, promoted mainly by Moderator John D. Schofield, Moderator of the East Alabama Association.

The 100% renovation of and addition of 15 new rooms to Kimball Hall with adequate bathing and toilet facilities was completed and dedicated.

Through the generosity of Heifer Project, Incorporated, by way of churches and individuals, many Evangelical and Reformed in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Massachusetts, the college has a herd of 15 cows, one bull, and 6 calves, the latter all born or purchased since Christmas.

The first check from the National Women's Fellowship for the new library, their Women's Gift project for 1961-1962, totalling \$50,000.00, has been received in the sum of \$15,655.45. The construction will be started when the total amount is in hand.

The Churchmen's Brotherhood, national men's organization of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, adopted the college as its 1961 project, meaning a gift of \$30,000.00. The Executive Committee decided this should be invested in improving our science facilities, so a two-story addition to Elder Hall, with two new rooms on each floor, has been planned for the fall of 1961. The project will include the cost of the building and brand new equipment which is sorely needed.

The college is the proud owner (with the Bank of Wadley) of a 1961 9-passenger Ford station wagon, the first new car the college has ever owned. It is used, with two vehicles purchased from the Alabama Surplus, to transport the athletic team, the choir and officials of the college on trips for college business.

Summer school will start on June 12 and will run for six weeks. Applications are being received, both for the summer school and for the fall quarter,

## Report Of Churchmen's Fellowship

Dr. Robert V. Moss Jr., president of Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and William E. Peterson, National Director of the Laymen's Fellowship of Congregational Christian Churches, St. Louis, Missouri, will be guest leaders at the Churchmen's Fellowship Retreat to be held at Southern Union College, Wadley, Alabama, June 9-11, 1961. The Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr., superintendent of the Southeast Convention, and Dr. Walter A. Graham, president of Southern Union College, will also be with us. Dr. Moss is a native of North Carolina and a noted Bible scholar and will come to us from a very busy schedule.

Lanett church sent four men to the Joint National Convention of Churchmen in St. Louis, Missouri, in August, 1960. They were: Bill Hodnett, John Dollar, Gwen Holley, and Davis Holman. Also attending were Pressley Ingram, Birmingham, and Dr. Walter A. Graham, Wadley. Hubert Richter, Cullman, Alabama, president of the North Alabama United Churchmen's Fellowship, and W. H. Koehler, Birmingham, were representatives from the E & R churches in this area.

Your president had a very happy experience at a Protestant Men's Convention held at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, June 21-23, 1960. This was an Eastern area meeting of the Men of the Chapel, the Protestant men's organization of our armed forces. It was a thrill to learn that our national military leaders realize the value of the men in the armed forces maintaining and strengthening their ties with men's religious activities.

27 men attended the 1960 Retreat held at Clairmont Springs, Alabama, in May, 1960. We had outstanding leadership, including Dr. Kenneth Kohler, secretary of the E & R Churchmen's

which will begin on September 11, 1961. Mrs. Dorothy Cash Hicks is the Admissions Counsellor and will be delighted, as will all other college officials, to talk with ministers or parents about prospective students.

The total cash and pledges received on the three year goal of \$287,750.00 is now \$204,505.60.

Our sincere thanks are gratefully extended to all who have made this year an outstanding one and we urge you to visit the campus at every possible chance.

## Congregational Christian Foundation Of Vanderbilt

It is an axiom, supported by history, that no movement, institution or nation is better than its leadership.

The Foundation has the specific responsibility of discovering potential leadership for the churches of the Southeast Convention and then giving them financial assistance while attending Vanderbilt as students.

We ask laity and ministers alike to assist the Foundation in two ways:

1. Look for and encourage young people who express an interest in religious leadership, especially the ministry.

2. In preparing your church budget and in considering your own personal giving, keep the Foundation in mind.

Our Superintendent, James H. Lightbourne Jr., thoroughly endorses the Foundation. Mrs. Edward L. Askren Jr. is secretary and Rev. Clyde C. Flannery is treasurer. We will be pleased to give any additional information you may need.

Arnold Slater, Chairman

Brotherhood, St. Louis, Missouri; Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr., and Southern Union College president, Dr. Walter A. Graham. A number of E & R men attended.

Several new men's organizations were formed during the year and some observed Laymen's Sunday in October. Your president was the speaker at Lanett on Laymen's Sunday. He also spoke to the men of Antioch (Roanoke), Elder and Tallassee churches during the year.

Rufus Obrecht, Chattanooga, Tennessee, represented the Southeast Convention Churchmen's Fellowship at the Mid-Winter Meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, this past January.

A periodic newsletter has been sent out to the men of the Convention area. We appreciate the cooperation of the churches in supplying mailing lists. Those of you who have not sent in names for a Convention-wide mailing list should do so as soon as possible. We will soon be sending out information concerning registration for the June Retreat. More information concerning the Retreat will be available at the Knoxville meeting, and we hope to see a large number of men there.

W. Pressley Ingram  
Chairman

SEC Churchmen's Fellowship

## Committee On Stewardship And Missionary Education

It is indeed heartening to note that the churches of the Southeast Convention showed an increase in their giving to Our Christian World Mission in 1960. The grand total of \$31,773.00 was contributed — an increase of \$1,253.00 over 1959.

When the \$4,543.00 contributed to the Christian Higher Education Fund is added to this, making a total of \$36,316.00, there is indeed reason to take pride in our accomplishments.

However, there is a less heartening side. The increase for OCWM was the smallest in several years. Thirty-three of our active churches made no contribution to OCWM or CHEF.

The committee would urge all of the churches to participate in our mutual concerns. A church that is not concerned for missions must question whether it really is a church at all.

Our national fellowship is setting a goal of \$11,500,000 for OCWM by the end of 1962. We will want to do our share. If we do our share, we will also continue on our Program of Progress.

Next fall an Every-Church-Visitation is planned for the Convention. We urge the churches and the ministers to cooperate in this effort to the fullest.

Rev. A. Ray Meserve, Chairman

## Report Of Committee On Ministry And The Churches

Since the last annual meeting of the Convention the committee has sponsored two Minister's Convocations.

In May of last year a convocation was held at Camp Winnataska, near Birmingham. Rev. Russell T. Loesch, Minister to Chaplains of our Fellowship, and Rev. Henry Smith Leiper, formerly Minister of the Missions Council, were the guest leaders.

In November of last year the fall convocation was held at Southern Union College in the new wing of Kimball Hall. Prof. Carl J. Landes and Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. were the leaders.

The spring convocation for this year will be held at Southern Union College May 9-11. Rev. Serge F. Hummon, secretary for the Town and Country Church, will present and lead discussions on matters relating to his field. Rev. A. Ray Meserve will be the leader on the topic of "Christian Stewardship."

Rev. Olin E. Sheppard, Chairman

## A RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS it is desirable that immediately after the Constitution shall have been declared in force there be United Church Associations and Conferences for the purpose of performing the functions described in the Constitution and By-Laws, and

WHEREAS it is provided in the Constitution that "Pending their reorganization on a territorial basis, Synods, Conferences, Conventions and Associations in existence at the time this Constitution is declared to be in force may act as Conferences and Associations of the United Church of Christ and may perform the functions thereof in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the United Church of Christ with regard to such responsibilities as they may have heretofore discharged. The Synods, Conferences, Conventions, and Associations, with the counsel and confirmation of the General Synods, shall take the initiative in their reorganization which shall proceed with utmost dispatch." (Constitution, paragraph 33) and

WHEREAS it is provided in the Basis of Union with Interpretations:

"(f) Congregational Christian churches do not go out of existence at the time of the union of the two communions. In consummating this union the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Churches are uniting without break in their respective historic continuities." and

WHEREAS in order to effectuate the foregoing principle it is suitable and appropriate that in addition to the work it has hitherto carried on this Convention perform the functions of an acting United Church of Christ Conference.

Therefore BE IT RESOLVED that at such time as the Constitution of the United Church of Christ shall be declared in force and the By-Laws adopted and thereafter, the Southeast Convention will act as and perform the functions of a Conference of the United Church of Christ as described in the Constitution of the United Church and in the By-Laws of the United Church, while retaining unimpaired all its present powers and fulfilling its existing duties and obligations as heretofore, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to all the above considerations

## A RESOLUTION NO. 2

BE IT RESOLVED that this Convention request its directors and chief executive officers, proceeding with all dispatch and counselling with the appropriate representatives of the General Synod, to take the initiative, described in paragraph 33 of the Constitution of the United Church, in the "reorganization" of this Convention as a Conference of the United Church of Christ, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in order that this Convention may be at all times fully informed regarding methods and progress with respect to the "reorganization" of Synods, Associations and Conferences, the General Synod or its Executive Council be requested to review from time to time the situation with respect to these matters throughout the United Church of Christ and provide this Convention with a complete account of this survey at least biennially.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Co-Secretaries of the United Church of Christ, together with the record of the time and place of their adoption, and inscribed in the permanent records of this Convention.

and paragraphs 42 and 48 of the Constitution of the United Church, that if any Association or Conference in this Convention when the Constitution of the United Church is declared in force is not prepared to act as an Association of the United Church, this Convention will in its stead act as and perform the functions of an Association of the United Church of Christ as described in the Constitution of the United Church of Christ and in the By-Laws of the United Church of Christ, while retaining unimpaired all its present powers and fulfilling its existing duties and obligations as heretofore, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each association and conference in the fellowship of this Convention be provided with a copy of these resolutions and urged to adopt for itself resolutions similar in character and appropriate to its conditions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Co-Secretaries of the United Church of Christ together with the record of the time and place of their adoption and inscribed in the permanent records of this Convention.



## Which Church Has Put CHEF Over Top?

By the time of the annual meeting, we confidently expect to be over the top of the \$25,000 goal. What about

your church?

Andalusia, Antioch	250.
Andalusia, Coldwater	50.
Andalusia, First	200.
Andalusia, New Home	50.
Birmingham, Pilgrim	1,000.
Brantley, Indian Creek	100.
Brantley, Liberty	75.
East Tallassee	400.
Garden City	20.
Headland, Blackwood	450.
LaFayette, Pleasant Grove	300.
Lanett, Cong'l. Chr.	2,000.
Lanett, Huguley	200.
Langdale, Cong'l. Chr.	1,000.
Lineville, New Harmony	50.
Moulton, Jones Chapel	25.
Phenix City, First	345.
Phenix City, Russell Woods	200.
Roanoke, First	400.
Roanoke, Lowell	300.
Roanoke, New Hope	100.
Shawmut, Todd	60.
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	50.
Caddo, First	75.
Wadley, Christian	500.
Wadley, Corinth	50.
Wedowee, Noon Day	300.
Baker, Pyron's Chapel	100.
Bonifay, New Effort	156.
Crestview, Dorcas	100.
Atlanta, Center	50.
Atlanta, Central	3,600.
Barnesville, Fredonia	250.
Braselton, Macedonia	50.
Buford, Duncan's Creek	50.
Calumbus, United	100.
Demorest, Federated	400.
Douglas, First	100.
LaGrange, United	1,200.
Pearson, Union Hill	300.
Pine Mountain, Oak Grove	225.
Richland, First	25.
Evarts, First	450.
Chattanooga, Pilgrim	3,000.
Crossville, First	450.
Daisy, First	450.
Deer Lodge	150.
Glen Mary	150.
Knoxville, First	3,000.
Nashville, Brookmeade	750.
Pleasant Hill, Community	900.
Robbins, Barton Chapel	100.
	\$24,656.

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## Report Of The Committee On Christian Social Action

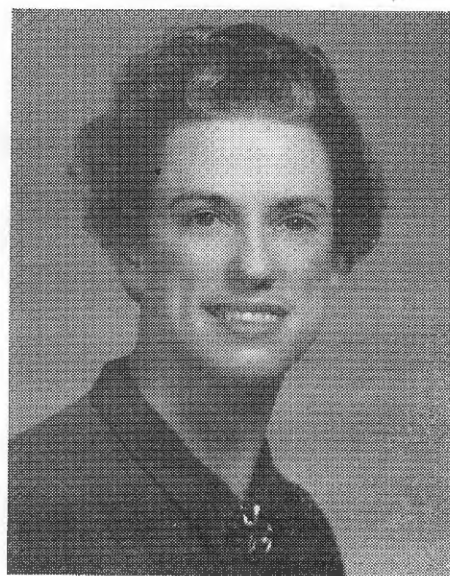
1. With the increasing use of alcoholic beverages in our country, especially among our young people, we recommend that our churches use every possible means to educate our people to the evils and consequences of alcohol. An excellent booklet for study by both young people and adults is the May 1957 issue of **Social Action** magazine entitled "Alcohol: A National Problem." Reprints may be ordered from the Council for Christian Social Action.

2. Parents and other thoughtful citizens have been viewing with alarm the large number of obscene magazines and pocket books on sale at news-stands throughout the country. Although the most effective way to combat this menace is through home training and our refusal as church members to purchase the material, there are other ways to deal with the problem. We recommend that local church groups make a survey of the situation in their communities and discuss the matter with the local men responsible for displaying and selling the books and magazines. Most local dealers are forced to take this obscene material through a package contract, but they do not have to display or sell it. They are given credit for all unsold copies. **Social Action** magazine for November 1959 is a good study guide for action.

3. Looking forward to the United Church's organization on the Convention level, the South and the South Indiana Synod and/or their successors be invited to send fraternal delegates to all future meetings of the Southeast Convention.

4. All of us, and most especially our children, are being subjected daily in our homes to stories of sex and violence through radio and television programs. We recommend that our parents do at least two things to combat this: First, carefully select the programs their children are permitted to see; and, second, write letters of protest to the local radio and television stations carrying the program. The reaction of the public can and will have an effect on the type of programs presented.

5. We recommend to our churches the three resolutions adopted by the Council for Christian Social Action and commended to the conferences, synods, and churches for study and action. We urge our people to implement the resolution on Migratory Agricultural La-



REV. MISS EMILIE F. PITCOCK

## New Minister Church Education Begins June 1

The Rev. Miss Emilie F. Pitcock, newly appointed Minister of Christian Education for the Southeast Convention, will begin her new duties June 1st.

Miss Pitcock has tendered her resignation as pastor of the Casco-Raymond United Parish in Maine to take affect the end of May following a much needed vacation. She then will move to Atlanta and assume her new responsibilities.

A native of Ohio, Miss Pitcock is a graduate of Schaufler College and of Yale Divinity School.

As can be seen from her picture, Miss Pitcock is cheerful, attractive, and friendly. In addition, she brings to her work a wealth of practical experience and ability.

bor by supporting appropriate legislation in their respective states, by making a special effort to express Christian love and concern for all migratory workers in their community, and by cooperating with local and state agencies concerned with the plight of the migrant. The other two resolutions deserve careful study and implementation in the light of our Christian faith and responsibility.

6. We commend to those concerned with any one or all of these problems the Social Action Institute at Blue Ridge, N. C., June 19-23, 1961.

Respectfully submitted,  
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